

Agriculture in Brief

Thompson-Nicola Regional District



Jurisdictional Makeup

Member Municipalities: Ashcroft, Barriere, Cache Creek, Chase, Clearwater, Clinton, Kamloops, Logan Lake, Lytton, Merritt & Sun Peaks Mountain.

Population (2011) ¹	#	128,473
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	4,444,771
Agricultural Land Reserve (2012) ³	ha	574,374
Population Increase (2006-2011) ⁴	#	6,187
Population Increase (1971-2011) ⁴	#	47,697

Census of Agriculture Data		1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	406,809	381,389	483,371	462,032
Number of Farms	#	1,150	1,175	1,211	1,177
Average Farm Size ⁴	ha	363.7	324.6	399.2	393.0
Farmland Use					
Crops ⁶	ha	30,052	32,329	33,849	32,018
Summerfallow	ha	760	685	63	87
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	18,475	12,019	17,832	15,520
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	289,254	286,535	382,614	357,909
All Other Land ⁷	ha	68,268	49,820	49,013	56,497
Total		406,809	381,389	483,371	462,032
Crop Area					
Hay Crops ⁸	ha	27,334	29,312	30,160	29,576
Field Crops ⁸	ha	2,280	2,544	2,588	1,915
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	97	63	59	80
Vegetables	ha	134	130	159	214
Nursery Products	ha	13	23	17	13
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	x	x	x	55
Greenhouse Flower Production	m ²	10,329	11,246	13,697	4,512
Greenhouse Vegetable Production	m ²	7,615	15,021	12,727	x
Other Greenhouse Production	m ²	x	2,245	na	x
Mushrooms	m ²	0	0	0	0
Christmas Trees	ha	202	98	137	123
Area Irrigated	ha	27,067	24,732	25,039	21,720
Total Farm Capital		\$770,303,258	\$923,031,320	\$1,291,943,118	\$2,027,861,130
Total Gross Farm Receipts		\$87,675,580	\$96,955,852	\$86,726,187	\$72,642,138
Total Wages and Salaries Paid		\$14,979,578	\$16,537,043	\$15,738,859	\$13,435,019

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Animals on Farms	1996		2001		2006		2011	
	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	251	60,111	294	103,851	258	282,929	308	73,164
Turkeys	27	x	53	2,352	45	1,604	47	x
Total Other Poultry	96	8,031	91	2,498	59	1,309	48	953
Cattle & Calves	656	132,440	671	125,412	647	130,537	571	102,266
Dairy Cows	54	640	17	266	20	374	16	461
Beef Cows	524	53,066	531	51,932	509	51,883	425	40,631
Pigs	79	645	72	667	48	408	66	650
Sheep & Lambs	129	7,726	136	8,411	130	6,849	136	7,174
Horses & Ponies	654	5,053	675	5,120	696	5,733	627	4,649
Goats	61	1,207	57	579	59	371	56	583
Wild Boar	na	na	3	x	1	x	0	0
Mink	1	x	0	0	1	0	0	x
Fox	1	x	1	x	na	na	na	na
Bison	6	x	8	430	12	621	8	370
Deer	11	11,297	7	x	4	4,235	1	x
Llamas & Alpacas	20	190	39	284	50	298	52	288
Rabbits	56	1,257	15	999	18	167	19	243
Colonies of Bees for Honey	26	1,777	28	1,106	21	862	28	702

Credits

Source: Statistics Canada. Census of Agriculture, 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011, unless otherwise specified.

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End Notes

1 Source: Statistics Canada. Census of Population.

2 Source: Statistics Canada, Geosuite, Land Area file: <http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2006/ref/dict/tables/table-tableau-7-eng.cfm>

3 Source: Agricultural Land Commission. Agricultural Land Reserve as of January 1, 2008 (for 2006) and April 1, 2012 (for 2011).

4 Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Adapted from Statistics Canada Censuses.

5 Total farmland area includes both workable and non-workable land on farm operations in B.C.

6 Crops includes: hay crops, field crops, total vegetables, total fruits and nuts, sod and nursery products.

7 Other farmland area includes: woodland, wetlands, Christmas tree land, land on which farm buildings, barnyards, lanes, home gardens, greenhouses and mushroom houses are located, and idle land.

8 Does not include those crop areas suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act.

Notes

x - indicates farms reporting but information suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act

na - indicates data is not available for a specific reference period



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